

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 8, 11 to 13, 16 to 22, 25 to 27, 30 to 36 and 39 to 42 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 1, 15, 29, 37 and 38, and add new Claims 43 to 66 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus for generating print data to be printed by a printer, the information processing apparatus comprising:

    a setting unit adapted to set a print property specifying a manner in which the print data is to be printed via a printer driver;

    special-printing-mode specification unit adapted to specify a special printing mode; [[and]]

    print property information generator adapted to generate print property information; and

a job generator adapted to generate a print job interpretable by a printer, the print job including the print data and the print property information.

wherein, when the special printing mode is not selected, the print property information generator generates, in accordance with the print property set setting made by the setting unit means, first print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a first recording sheet, whereas when the special printing mode is selected, the print property information generator automatically generates, in addition to the first print property information, second print property information specifying a manner in which printing is

performed on a second recording sheet, the second print property information being generated in accordance with a print property different from the print property set by the setting unit, and wherein the print property information in the print job generated by the job generator is further defined as the information regarding an output format property.

2. to 8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first recording sheet and the second recording sheet are of the same sheet type.

10. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first recording sheet is opaque and the second recording sheet is transparent.

11. to 13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the special printing mode is a presentation mode, the first print property information includes print property information describing a property associated with a printing process for creating a copy for a distribution, and the second print property information is print property information describing a property associated with a printing process for creating a copy for a presentation.

15. (Currently amended) A method for processing data by an information processing apparatus to generate print data to be printed by a printer, the method comprising:

a setting step for setting a print property specifying a manner in which the print data is to be printed via a printer driver;

a special-printing-mode specifying step for specifying a special printing mode;

[[and]]

a print property information generating step for generating print property information; and such that

a job-generating step for generating a print job interpretable by a printer, the print job including the print data and the print property information,

wherein, when the special printing mode is not selected, first print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a first recording sheet is generated in accordance with the print property set setting made in the setting step, whereas when the special printing mode is selected, second print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a second recording sheet is automatically generated in addition to the first print property information, the second print property information being generated in accordance with a print property different from the print property set in the setting step, and

wherein the print property information in the print job generated by the job generator is further defined as the information regarding an output format property.

16. to 22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) A method for processing data according to Claim 15, wherein the first recording sheet and the second recording sheet are of the same sheet type.

24. (Original) A method for processing data according to Claim 15, wherein the first recording sheet is opaque and the second recording sheet is transparent.

25. to 27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) A method for processing data according to Claim 15, wherein the special printing mode is a presentation mode, the first print property information is print property information describing a property associated with a printing process for creating a copy for a distribution, and the second print property information is print property information describing a property associated with a printing process for creating a copy for a presentation.

29. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium including instructions data processing program executable by an information processing apparatus to generate print data to be printed by a printer, the computer-readable medium including the instructions of data processing program comprising:

    a setting step for setting a print property specifying a manner in which the print data is to be printed;

    a special-printing-mode specifying step for specifying a special printing mode;  
and

a print property information generating step for generating print property information such that when the special printing mode is not selected, first print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a first recording sheet is generated in accordance with the setting made in the setting step, whereas when the special printing mode is selected, in addition to the first print property information, second print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a second recording sheet is generated such that a predetermined item of the print property is set to a predetermined property value.

30. to 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium ~~data processing program~~ according to Claim 29, wherein the first recording sheet and the second recording sheet are of the same sheet type.

38. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium ~~data processing program~~ according to Claim 29, wherein the first recording sheet is opaque and the second recording sheet is transparent.

39. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a finishing process of the printing performed based on the information regarding the output format property is one of a binding process of a plurality of recording sheets, a folding process for folding a recording sheet, a punching process for punching a hole in a recording sheet, and a layout process for determining a layout in which data is printed on a recording sheet.

44. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, a printing is, regardless of the print property set by the setting unit, automatically set not to perform the finishing process when the printing on the second recording sheet is performed.

45. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a print job including a first group of commands indicating an output format property based on the first print property information, first print data, a second group of commands indicating an output format property based on the second print property information and second print data.

46. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a first print job including the first group of commands indicating the output format property based on the first print property information and the first print data, and a second print job including the second group of commands indicating the output format property based on the second print property information and the second print data.

47. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 45, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

48. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 45, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.

49. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 46, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

50. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 46, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.

51. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 15, wherein a finishing process of the printing performed based on the information regarding the output format property is one of a binding process of a plurality of recording sheets, a folding process for folding a recording sheet, a punching process for punching a hole in a recording sheet, and a layout process for determining a layout in which data is printed on a recording sheet.

52. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 51, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, a printing is, regardless of the print property set in the setting step, automatically set not to perform the finishing process when the printing on the second recording sheet is performed.

53. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 15, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a print job including a fist group of commands indicating an output format property based on the first print property information, first print data, a second group of commands indicating an output format property based on the second print property information and second print data.

54. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 15, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a first print job including the fist group of commands indicating the output format property based on the first print property information and the first print data, and a second print job including the second group of commands indicating the output format property based on the second print property information and the second print data.

55. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 53, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

56. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 53, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.

57. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

58. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.

59. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 29, wherein a finishing process of the printing performed based on the information regarding the output format property is one of a binding process of a plurality of recording sheets, a folding process for folding a recording sheet, a punching process for punching a hole in a recording sheet, and a layout process for determining a layout in which data is printed on a recording sheet.

60. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 59, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, a printing is, regardless of the print property set in the setting step, automatically set not to perform the finishing process when the printing on the second recording sheet is performed.

61. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 29, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a print job including a fist group of commands indicating an output format property based on the first print property information, first print data, a second group of commands indicating an output format property based on the second print property information and second print data.

62. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 29, wherein, when the special printing mode is selected, the job generator generates a first print job including the fist group of commands indicating the output format property based on the first print property information and the first print data, and a second print job including the second group of commands indicating the output format property based on the second print property information and the second print data.

63. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 61, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

64. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 61, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.

65. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 62, wherein the first print data and the second print data are identical data.

66. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 62, wherein the first print data and the second print data are different from each other, one of which being print data obtained by a layout process, an expanding process or a reducing process performed by the printer driver.